

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment runs October 15 through December 7. It's a chance for beneficiaries to review their current Medicare health plans and make changes if necessary. It's important to compare plans and assess your care and prescription needs. If you're satisfied with your current plan, there is no need to make changes. Medicare health plans take effect on January 1, 2022. Here is a timeline that will help you navigate open enrollment:

Task	Date
Begin Reviewing and Comparing Plans	October 1
Medicare Open Enrollment Begins	October 15
Contact Senior Health for Guidance	Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Medicare Open Enrollment Ends	December 7
New Coverage Begins	January 1, 2022

SHIP partners with agencies throughout Louisiana to offer free, unbiased counseling to Medicare beneficiaries. To view a complete list of SHIP partners, check out the interactive map available on [SHIP's Partners webpage](#).

Medicare Fraud

Medicare beneficiaries are advised to protect their personal information. Avoid sharing your Medicare number, Social Security number and other sensitive information. Also, pay special attention to bills from your provider following services. When someone uses your information to submit fraudulent claims to Medicare, it's called medical identity theft. If you find a charge for a service you didn't receive, here are steps you can take:

- Request an itemized statement from your health care provider.
- Review your Medicare Summary Notice.
- If you determine you have been charged for a service you didn't receive, call 1-800-Medicare.

Also, [Senior Medicare Patrol](#) (SMP) assists beneficiaries and works to prevent and detect Medicare Fraud. If you have concerns or suspect fraud, call 1-877-272-8720.

Resources

[Medicare Advantage Plans vs Medicare Supplement Policies](#)

[Save Money on Medicine and Medicare Costs](#)

[Medicare Covered Preventive Services](#)

[Medicare.gov](#)



Louisiana Department of Insurance
Jim Donelon, Commissioner

1-800-259-5300
www.lda.la.gov